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1. ON DEC. 20 LEADERS OF VARIOUS PARTIES IN THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES AGREED TO CONVERT SPECIAL COMMITTEES ON SCIENCE

AND TECHNOLOGY AND ON POLLUTION COUNTERMEASURES AND
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO STATUS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

2. A SPECIAL
COMMITTEE DIFFERS FROM A STANDING COMMITTEE
IN THAT FORMER IS ESTABLISHED EACH TIME DIET MEETS; LATER
EXISTS AND OPERATES ON PERMANENT BASIS. AT PRESENT, THERE ARE
16 STANDING COMMITTEES IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

3. CREATION OF THE TWO NEW STANDING COMMITTEES WILL HAVE
TO AWAIT CONVENING OF THE REGULAR DIET AT END OF YEAR SINCE
IT REQUIRES AMENDMENT OF THE DIET LAW.
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